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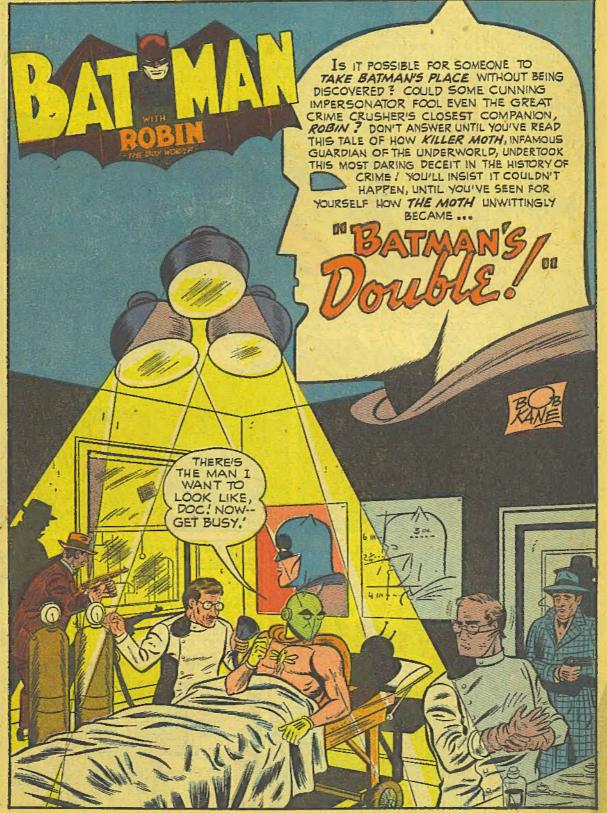


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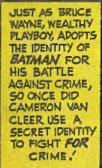






THANK YOU,







YOU ASKED ME TO

AND AS THE FAMED BAT-SIGNAL SUMMONS THE CRIME CRUSHER, SO ONCE DID AN-OTHER SIGNAL BLAST THE MURKY FIRMA-MENT WITH A MESSAGE OF EVIL...

HMM ... CRIMINALS IN TROUBLE! THROUGH MY SPECIAL GLASSES, I CAN SEE THEIR INFRA-RED SIGNAL FOR HELP - THE MOTH-SIGNAL



YES, EVEN THE BAT-CAVE ONCE HAD ITS PART, IN THE EERIE

NOW TO SWITCH FROM THE RESPECTABLE CAMERON VAN CLEER TO KILLER MOTH-

MOTH-CAVE ... AND RUSH TO THE AID OF CRIMINALS IN MY MOTH-MOBILE .

BUT, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE CHALLENGED THE LAW, THIS SINISTER CAREER WAS BLASTED BY THE TWO CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS BATMAN AND

THIS IS SOMETHING CAMERON VAN TO DO TO ME FOR YEARS! CLEER! SO THAT'S KILLER MOTH'S SECRET IDENTITY! WELL I GUESS THIS FINISHES YOUR CAREER AS GUARDIAN OF THE UNDERWORLD!

MONTHS PASS -- AND OHE NIGHT, AS THE WEIRD WAIL OF A SIREN RISES FROM BEHIND THE WALLS OF A PENITENTIARY ...

MADE IT OVER THE WALL! IN THESE CLOTHES I STOLE FROM THE PRISON TAILOR SHOP, I'LL GET BACK TO THE CITY UNDETECTED. TO PICK UP THE PIECES OF A SHATTERED CAREER



DAYS LATER, IN A DINGY FURNISHED ROOM IN GOTHAM CITY ... THIS IS GOING TO BE

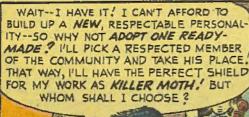
HARDER THAN I THOUGHT! MY CAMERON VAN CLEER GUISE IS USELESS SINCE BATMAN EXPOSED IT! IT WOULD COST ME A FORTUNE TO SET UP A NEW FRONT, AND I'M NEARLY BROKE! YET, I MUST HAVE ONE IF I'M



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JEFFERSON MOORE, BANKER? NO... HAVE TO SIGN HIS NAME TOO OFTEN! WILFRED HOWES, DOCTOR? IMPOSSIBLE ... I'D GIVE MYSELF AWAY THE FIRST TIME I WAS CALLED ON A CASE! AH-HERE ARE SOME POSSIBILITIES ON THE SOCIETY PAGE! PICTURES OF FOUR WELL-





WAIT!

HERE'S ONE THAT'S PERFECT! I HAD
A CHANCE TO OBSERVE THIS MAN'S
EVERY MANNERISM WHEN I WAS WITH
HIM ON THE MUSEUM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS CAMERON VAN CLEER!
I'LL TAKE OVER HIS LIFE ...THE NEW
SECRET IDENTITY OF KILLER MOTH
WILL BE BRUCE WAYNE!





WEEKS LATER, AS WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE PARTICIPATES IN AN EXHIBITION BOXING BOUT AT THE GOTHAM CITY HOSPITAL...

THAT WAS AN EXCITING ALWAYS GLAD TO BE OF BOUT, BRUCE! I SERVICE, DOCTOR ... ESPEC-KNOW THE PATIENTS IALLY WHEN I REALIZE THAT RECREATION OF THIS SORT IS OFTEN THE BEST CURE FOR A SICK MAN!







LATER, IN AN ABANDONED EARTHERN TUNNEL NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

I DON'T WANT A MURDER RAP HANGING OVER ME IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG ... SO I'LL LEAVE THE REAL BRUCE WAYNE IN THIS OLD BANK SAFE DEPOSIT VAULT, WITH A SUPPLY OF FOOD! LUCKY I REMEMBERED IT WAS LEFT HERE WHEN THE BANK ITSELF WAS TORN DOWN!

ITSELF WAS TORN DOWN!

STILL LATER, IN BRUCE'S FASHIONABLE SUBURBAN MANSION ...

HI, BRUCE ...
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE FINALLY
BACK! COMMISSIONER
GORDON'S

BEEN SENDING OUT URGENT CALLS, WHICH I PICKED UP OVER OUR SHORTWAVE RADIO THIS KID MUST BE L DICK GRAYSON, WAYNES WARD! BUT WHAT'S THIS TALK ABOUT COMMISSIONER GORDON? BETTER LPLAY ALONG!

ER ... WHAT DID HE

RADIO! WANT, DICK!









































HMM...THIS IS THE TYPE SUIT GIVEN CONVICTS WHEN THEY'RE RELEASED FROM PRISON! BUT THAT KNOWLEDGE DOESN'T DO ME MUCH GOOD WHILE I'M LOCKED IN HERE ...THIS VAULT WAS BUILT TO KEEP OUT CROOKS-BUT IT'S KEEPING ME /N /





LATER, IN THE HIDEOUT OF THE NOTOR-IOUS WHITEY CASEY GANG ...

YOU'VE ALL RIGHT .. BATMAN **NEVER TRUSTED** ME, CASEY: SMASHED MY PLUSH RACKET ... SO WHAT? YOUR MEN HOW CAN YOU NEVER USED THE MOTH-DO ME ANY GOOD SIGNAL KILLER MOTH ? TO SUMMON MY_HELP!





NEXT EVENING, AS THE BATMOBILE PATROLS THE



































IT'S BATMAN! --AND HE'S FREE! KILLER MOTH

SO-THAT MAN I JUST SAW WITH ROBIN-WEAR-ING MY COSTUME-





WHILE IN THE UNDERGROUND VAULT... NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY "BATMAN'S" BEEN ACTING SO STRANGELY! OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE? WAIT!... HE'S COMING BACK! NOW I'LL FIND OUT WHO'S BEEN TRICKING ME!





BATMAN, SOMETHING THAT/S AL-READY DONE, ROBIN! I'VE REVEALED COME ON ... LET'S SEE IF OUR SECRET TO A STRANGER! WE CAN CATCH UP WITH HIM. OUR CRIME-FIGHTING ALTHOUGH IT WON'T DO CAREERS ARE MUCH GOOD! EVEN IF ALL OVER ... AND IT'S ALL WE CAPTURE HIM, HE'LL MY FAULT. STILL REVEAL OUR SECRET!

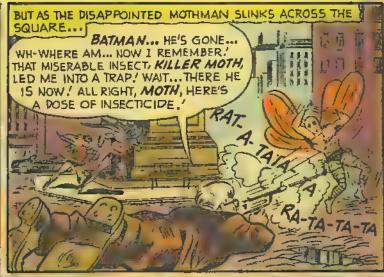
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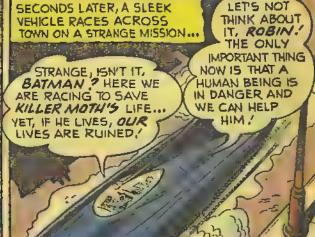


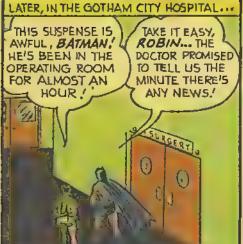
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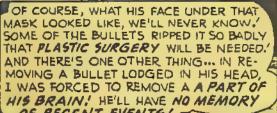




THE ONE MAN WHO KNOWS THE SECRET OF THE DARING DUO'S IDENTITY, ALIVE AND ON THE OT YAW RECOVERY! WILL HE REVEAL WHAT HE KNOWS, AND END THE CRIME CRUSHERS' CAREERS ? OR HAS HE ALREADY DONE SO









AND SO, PRESENTLY, IN THE BAT- CAVE ...

BOY, I HAD TO KEEP MYSELF FROM SHOUTING WITH JOY WHEN THE DOCTOR TOLD US KILLER MOTH WON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED RECENTLY! WE HAD A CLOSE CALL! AND BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU EVER GET OUT OF THAT

BY RE-MEMBERING WHAT THAT VAULT WAS' BUILT FOR, ROBIN!



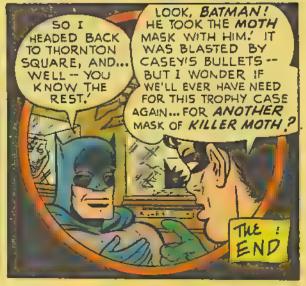
"YOU SEE, I KEPT PONDERING THE FACT THAT THIS VAULT WAS NOT BUILT TO KEEP PRISONERS IN, BUT TO KEEP CRIM NALS OUT! THEN I HIT ON SOMETHING..."

THIS TIN SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX SHOULD DO THE TRICK, IF I CAN GET IT POUNDED FLAT ENOUGH! "SINCE IT WAS NEVER INTENDED AS THE DOOR TO A PRISON, THE VAULT'S DOOR, ALTHOUGH LOCKED FROM THE OUTSIDE, HAD ITS HINGE BOLT'S ON THE INSIDE! WITH THE "JIMMY" I POUNDED OUT OF THE DEPOSIT BOY, IT WAS EASY TO PRY LOOSE THE BOLTS..."



"I MUST'VE ESCAPED JUST WHEN YOU AND THE
MOTH WENT OUT TOGETHER FOR THE
LAST TIME -- BECAUSE I CAME DIRECTLY
HERE, AND..."

NOBODY UPSTAIRS OR DOWN
HERE-AND MY BATMAN COSTUME
IS GONE! BETTER PUT ON A SPARE
ONE AND GO LOOK FOR ROBIN.'
PERHAPS WHOEVER KIDNAPED ME
WILL BRING ROBIN TO THE
VAULT, TOO!







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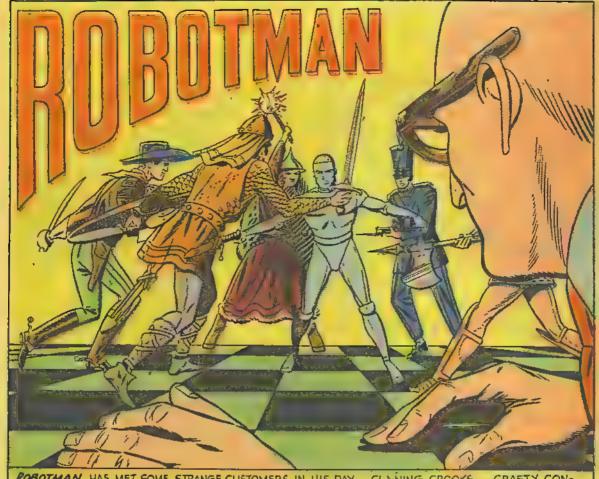
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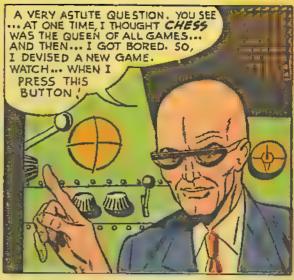
















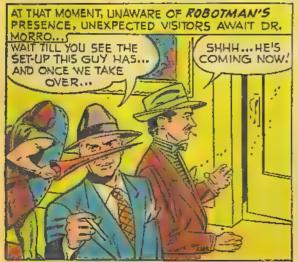












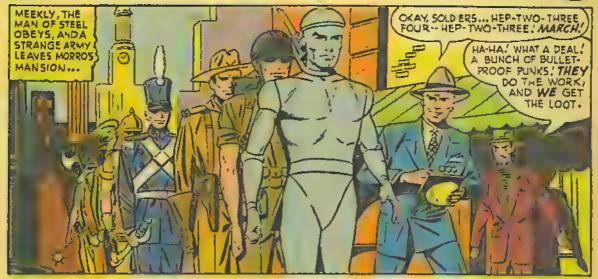






































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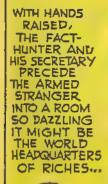














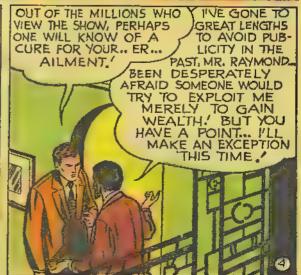






BUT, ALAS, IT WORKED TOO WELL! THE CHEMICALS PERMEATED MY PORES AND NOW AFFECT ANYTHING I TOUCH...TURNING IT TO GOLD! THAT IS WHY I MUST WEAR SPECIALLY INSULATED GLOVES WHILE I EAT...THERE'S NOT MUCH NOURISHMENT IN A GOLDEN LAMB CHOP, MY FRIENDS!











AND AS THE AMAZING SCENE FLOODS FROM THE TELEVISION TRANSMITTER WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THERE ARE THOSE GATHERED AROUND A RECEIVER WHO TAKE A VERY SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE PER-FORMANCE ...

I TELL YOU THERE'S A TRICK TO IT.' FARO FENTON WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY, YOU KNOW!

















I TELL YOU IT WAS ALL A TRICK I CAN'T TURN THINGS TO GOLD. I MADE ROY RAYMOND THINK THAT I COULD SO I'D BE ON HIS SHOW! IT'S ALL PART OF A CON GAME I'M PLANNING.

WHAT DID I TELL YOU, BLUE EYES? IT'S NOTHING BUT A TRICK! THROW HIM OUT OF HERE.



SO ONCE AGAIN, PROFESSOR COREY IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE GANG CHIEF! AND PRESENTLY ...

... SO YOU SEE THERE'S NO FAKING! WE KNOW YOU CAN TURN THINGS TO GOLD, COREY. FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE YOUR AGENTS! YOU TURN OUT THE GOLD AND WE'LL SELL IT FOR YOU ... WE SPLIT FIFTY FIFTY.

THIS IS AGAINST MY PRINCIPLES, FARO, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE ... I'LL DO IT.





YOU FOOL, BLUE EYES,' WHY' DID YOU THROW COREY OUT OF HERE ? GO AND BRING HIM BACK! BUT. BUT, FARO. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO ... OH, WHAT'S THE USE?

AND THUS, AT PROFESSOR COREY'S HOME SEVERAL DAYS LATER ...

GET ALL THIS GOLD OUT OF HERE, BOYS, SOME MORE MATERIAL FOR

OUR FRIEND HERE TO TURN INTO OUR FRIEND WHAT'S THE MATTER, COREY?

I'M WORRIED, FARO! WITH THIS GOLD FLOODING THE MARKET RAYMOND WILL SUSPECT WHERE IT'S COMING FROM AND TRY TO STOP US! I BETTER FIGURE SOME WAY TO STOP HIM.



AND IN ROYS OFFICE. DAYS LATER ...

GOOD MORNING, ROY! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS UMBRELLA PROFESSOR COREY TURNED TO GOLD ON THE SHOW! IT'S BEEN LEANING AGAINST THIS HOT RADIATOR AND IT'S TURNED BLACK

HMM! WONDER WHAT'S BECOME OF OLD COREY? HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM











KAREN FIND...







RAYMOND! ARE YOU SO CERTAIN THAT I CANNOT TURN THINGS TO GOLD THAT YOU WILL ALLOW KAREN TO TOUCH MY BARE HAND? REMEMBER! IF SHE IS TLRNED TO GOLD IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! I'M GAME, ROY! YOU'RE BLUFFING, COREY!













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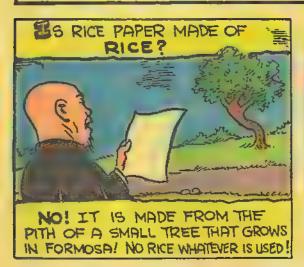
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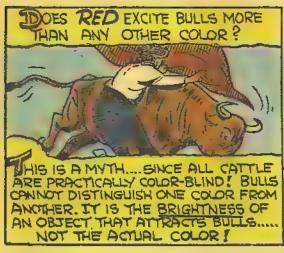
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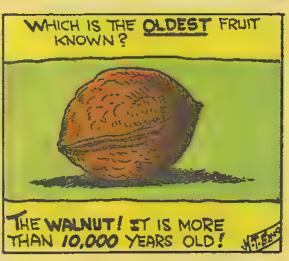
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A N excited druggist called the New York Police. "Hurry down here," he shouted, nervously. "There's a guy in my place with murder on his mind. He just asked how long it takes cyanide to kill a human being."

A few hours later, a chagrined druggist was making apologies to Charley Russell and some very irate police. Seems that Charley did have murder on his mind all right, but then, he has murder on his mind all the time. For, every week, he kills two or three people as producer of television's mystery thriller, "Danger."

It's Charley's job, as producer, to see that the show goes off without a hitch, and since murder forms a definite part of every story plot, he's become an inquisitive, insatiable hunter of murder facts and weapons.

According to Charley, it all started when he administered a lethal dose of cyanide to one of his actors. The actor sipped his cyanide and tea, immediately clutched his throat and expired. He had barely hit the ground when the station was flooded with phone calls from doctors, pharmacists and chemists, pointing out that it takes much longer for cyanide to work.

It was then that Charley Russell began to do some really serious study on the subject of murder, and today he has a file of almost every lethal poison, with the approximate time it takes to work. These days, if one of his actors drinks strychnine he dies in the required time, and Charley has a stopwatch handy to check him down to the last twitch.

Gun wounds are harder to work with, he says. A famous by-word for all television heroes is, "it's only a flesh wound." One night, after wounding an actor with a Colt .45, Charley received a phone call. An authoritative voice identified the owner as a pistol expert and champion marksman.

"I'll stake my reputation," said the voice, "that a Colt .45 bullet fired at that close range would have blasted him out of the door!"

As a result, all gunshots are checked against a ballistics file, and it's a rare hero that gets away with a mere flesh wound. If he does it's authentic.

Another script called for Iris Mann, playing a diabolical little child, to charm a polecat ferret into killing her aunt. Charley read the script and reached for his aspirin. This time he had a killer, but he didn't know what it was.

"I boiled my problem down into three essentials," he said. "First, I had to find out what a polecat ferret was. Then I had to figure if it could actually kill a human being, after that, could it be charmed into doing it?"

After a hectic afternoon on the telephone, he finally reached a naturalist, who explained that the ferret was a killer rodent native to Europe, that it had often killed children when hungry or enraged, and that it would, in all probability kill an adult.

"He was vague about the charm angle," says Charley, "and asked me whether or not I had any I was planning to charm."

But, all scripts don't work out as easily. Once, Fay Bainter, playing a murder victim had to take a rare and exotic poison. But such poison requires three to four hours to take effect. Still, Miss Bainter had to expire before the commercial.

"That was a problem," said Charley.
"The whole script depended on the poison so we couldn't change that, and obviously she couldn't die during the commercial. The sponsors would never go for that. We had to figure out a place in the script where she could die."

They managed it by fading in on a clock, fading out and then fading back on the clock turned ahead to indicate the passage of time. "By this time, she was out colder than a mackerel, and we all breathed easier, including Fay," said Charley.

Occasionally, when stories are set in exotic locales, the murder weapon is likely to be an animate object. Scorpions, snakes, and phirana are all likely murder weapons.

"It may seem strange to somebody else," he says, "but it's worth a lot to me to know that phirana devil-fish can strip the flesh off a human body in three and a half minutes. Why, when I can get rid of a murder in that short period of time, think how much time I've got left to solve it."

A book on entomology forms part of Charley's murder equipment, and the dangerous insects are all catalogued according to size and deadliness in a small file marked: Murder weapons, insects.

As a result of his production of "Danger," Charley has made some valuable observations on audience reactions to murder programs. "Audiences want to know how it happened," he says. "If you kill a man by drowning him, they want to know how long it took, whether or not he was hit on the head, and a myriad of other details."

Although his TV murders are temporary, causes and effects are worked out with an eye to detail. Even autopsy reports, for instance, have to be accurate.

Once, Lee Tracy, playing the murderer of a woman, was confronted with an autopsy report, in which the coroner described the condition of her throat after the murder. Charley, then an assistant producer, listened hard and then rushed to his file. The doctor had described a throat that had been strangled by a rope, but the script called for Tracy to have strangled her with his hands. The autopsy report was changed. "You'd be surprised how many letters we'd have received, if we let it ride," sighed Charley.

But, Charley is careful about autopsy reports for another reason, as well. According to him, lawyers comprise a great part of the audience.

"Those birds," he says, "sit at home and just wait for you to make a legal mistake. For instance, we had Sarah Churchill playing the part of a woman facing a first degree murder charge. Lawyers wrote in by the hundreds telling her that the most she could be tried for was manslaughter. Some of them even offered to defend her."

You'd never believe that Charley Russell murders people. He's a quiet, softspoken gent who often smokes a pipe, and plays golf on Sundays. But, sometimes, even on the golf course, he'll heft his club menacingly, swing it over his head and look at his partner wonderingly. At times like that, you know he's planning next week's murder.

































AND IN ANOTHER PART OF THE INDIAN VILLAGE...

THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS... ALL THESE WONDERFUL, RARE BEADS--THE LIKES O' WHICH YUR AIN'T NEVER SEEN BEFORE --FOR JUST A FEW O' YORE HA, HA -- WHAT A DEAL! \$20,000 WORTH O' VALUABLE POTS FOR ABOUT 20 CENTS WORTH O' BEADS!



BUT THAT EVENING, IN THE LODGE OF THE TRIBAL ELDERS..

THE PALEFACES USE TRICK PLAYING CARDS ON OUR BRAVES, AND THEY SELL THEM BEADS MADE OF WORTHLESS GLASS! YET, WE ARE POWERLESS TO FIGHT BACK--FOR THE EVIL ONES ARE WELL-

AYE - BUT THEY MUST BE STOPPED-HOW CAN WE DO IT?



THERE IS BUT ONE WAY TO PUT AN END TO THEIR COMMIVERY... WITH A POLICE FORCE, LIKE THOSE FOUND IN BIG CITIES! THAT IS WHY I HAVE SUMMONED OUR BROTHER OHIYESA (THE WINNER), KNOWN TO THE PALEFACES AS POW-WOW SMITH! HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THEIR WAYS... HE ALONE WILL BE ABLE TO



AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, WHEN THE FAMED INDIAN LAWMAN, POW-WOW SMITH, ARRIVES FROM HIS NATIVE RED DEER VALLEY...

YES, I CAN BUILD A POLICE FORCE FOR YOU, MY BROTHERS -- BUT IT. WILL TAKE MUCH PATIENCE AND TRANING! LISTEN, AND I WILL TELL YOU HOW I MUST BE DONE...















































AWHILE LATER, IN THE MOUNTAIN HIDEOUT ...















































































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FOR THE

WELL, TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME! HMM.. THAT ARTICLE I READ -- "HOW TO BE A WOMAN : OF MYSTERY"-- I CAN





CHEER UP, OLD BOY ... I DIDN'T MAKE THE TEAM, EITHER. IT'S TOUGH, BUT I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TOO MUCH SLEEP OVER IT. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS A FELLOW CAN DO.



SAY, HOW ABOUT THAT NEW MODEL PLANE WE WERE GONNA BUILD ? WE'LL REALLY HAVE SOME TIME NOW TO GO AHEAD WITH IT.

NOT A BAD IDEA, FRED! LET'S SEE, NOW.



SO THAT'S WHY BINKY WAS SO SILENT! AND I WAS SO BUSY THINKING OF MY OWN FEELINGS THAT I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TRYING TO FIND THE REAL REASON! I'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT UP TO HIM ...



GOSH -- I GUESS NOW I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP MY PLAN TO BE A WOMAN OF MYSTERY



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